

**Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board  
Government and Community Relations Committee  
February 3, 2003**

The Government and Committee Relations Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board met in regular session at the Alcohol and Drug Services Administrative office on Jermantown Road, Suite 201, Fairfax.

Committee members present: Jessica Burmester, Charles Fletcher, Anngie Johnson, Ben Pepper, Dave Redman

CSB Staff present: James Thur, Ruth Gerbec

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Anngie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of January Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**3. Government Relations**

**A. Local Level**

Board members are to schedule meetings/visits with their Board of Supervisor during the first and second week of March. An email was sent to all Board members regarding this.

**ACTION:** Board members are to make appointments with their BOS.

The upcoming budget hearings were discussed. Ruth reported that she signed up four Board members for the Tuesday, April 8 budget hearing and that the School's organizations were planning to sign up on Tuesday, as well. Ruth will check on that and then email Govt. and Community Relations committee members to decide if we want to keep the Tuesday slots or change nights.

**ACTION:** Ruth will find out which organizations are signed up for each budget hearing so far. Then the Committee will make a decision which night to have the CSB related organizations sign up. Also Ruth will contact Kathy May to coordinate the Coalition registration for the same evening.

**B. State Level**

Jim and Jessica reviewed the preliminary information from the House and Senate Budget Reports. Also they reported that the VACSB conference in January was very well attended and persons met with legislators and staff.

The Rally was the best attended so far and legislators conveyed a favorable reaction/response to the group.

Jessica reported that the conferees will be appointed next week, and she will get the names out to everyone.

#### **4. Community Relations**

##### **A. Business Community Organizations**

Possible topics for the Roundtable organization were discussed. The topics suggested were Girl Power and homelessness. The committee requested once again to receive the current Roundtable membership. Ben will contact the Roundtable organization for a future meeting date and ask to present information on the Girl Power community program.

ACTION: Ruth will obtain latest Roundtable membership for Committee.

ACTION: Ben will contact the Roundtable organization to schedule a speaking engagement at a future meeting.

Jim discussed the Regional Partnership event. The CSB will host an event in the March timeframe. Committee members provided input and suggestions. Some recommendations were to organize a large-scale single group discussion followed by break out sessions with facilitators. The committee suggested that the two mental health center advisory boards, vendors, the Mental Health Consumer Association, etc. be involved with the planning.

Ruth reported that she is waiting to hear if a CSB staff person will be able to participate on a panel for the Christ United Methodist Church - Stephens Ministers group. Once she finds out if a staff person is going, she will let the Board know, so that a Board member may go, as well. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION: Ruth will confirm staff speaker and then notify Board members of the Stephens Ministry meeting.

Ruth reported that she submitted a proposal to the County cable office for the production of a video on the CSB system and it was just approved.

Ruth will be scheduling a planning meeting soon and will let the Committee members know the date and time.

ACTION: Ruth will schedule CSB video planning meeting and will notify Government and Community Relations committee members.

Anngie reported that she and Ruth will meet to look at the Speakers Bureau information and the program organizational chart.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

